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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 16, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9432.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Compact of Free Association with the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, including related measure S.J. Res. 16, to approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia", and the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands", and otherwise to amend Public Law 99–239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99–239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, after receiving testimony from Susan S. Westin, Managing Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accounting

Office; David Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs; Albert Short, Director, Office of Compact Negotiations, Department of State; Gerald M. Zackios, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Marshall Islands; and Sebastian Anefal, Secretary of Economic Affairs, Federated States of Micronesia.

U.S. TAX POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on U.S. international tax rules on the competitiveness of U.S. businesses abroad, after receiving testimony from Senators Allen, Boxer, and Ensign; Pamela Olson, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; H. David Rosenbloom, Caplin and Drysdale, Washington, D.C.; James R. Hines, Jr., University of Michigan Business School, Ann Arbor; Daniel Kostenbauder, Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California; Charles J. Hahn, Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan; Michael Gaffney, Merrill Lynch and Co., New York, New York, on behalf of the Securities Industry Association; and Stephen E. Shay, Ropes and Gray, LLP, Boston, Massachusetts.

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Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine successes and challenges for U.S. policy relative to promoting economic development in Haiti, including related measures S. 489, to expand certain preferential trade treatment for Haiti and Public Law 105–277, the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; John B. Taylor, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Paul Farmer, Harvard Medical School Department of Social Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts; Steven David Forester, Haitian Women of Miami, and Rudolph Moise, Haitian Broadcasting Network, both of Miami, Florida.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine certain situations where parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children, receiving testimony from Representatives Stark and Patrick Kennedy; Trina W. Osher, Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Alexandria, Virginia; Tammy Seltzer, Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Washington, D.C.; Jane Adams, Keys for Networking, Topeka, Kansas; Theresa Brown, Westbrook, Maine; Cynthia Yonan, Glendale Heights, Illinois; and Patricia Cooper, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Hearings continue on Thursday, July 17, 2003.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Public Health concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, focusing on the importance of substance abuse prevention, after receiving testimony from Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Martha B. Knisley, District of Columbia Department of Mental Health, Washington, D.C.; First Lady of Ohio Hope Taft, Columbus; Lewis E. Gallant, National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Gloria Walker, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Arlington, Virginia.

VISA ISSUANCE PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship concluded hearings to examine how the Departments of State, Homeland Security, and Justice could more effectively

manage the visa process with clear and comprehensive policies and procedures and increased agency coordination and information sharing, after receiving testimony from Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accounting Office; Janice L. Jacobs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services; and Michael T. Dougherty, Director of Operations, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

VA HOSPITALS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current status of VA hospitals, focusing on funding for VA medical care, enactment of Medicare reimbursements for non-service connected care, and the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services program (CARES), after receiving testimony from Ronald F. Conley, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 2725–2750; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 243–244, and H. Res. 317–318, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2473, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, amended (H. Rept. 108–178, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 317, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Second Congressional District of Hawaii (H. Rept. 108–207);

H. Res. 318, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Sixth Congressional District of Tennessee (H. Rept. 108–208);

H. Res. 319, providing for consideration of H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–209);

H.R. 1720, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, establishing, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, amended (H. Rept. 108–210); and

H.R. 2297, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and improve certain benefits for veterans, amended (H. Rept. 108–211). **Page H6867**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Chocoma to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, Chaplain, United States Senate. **Page H6709**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:04 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H6709**

Dismissing Second Congressional District of Hawaii Election Contest: The House agreed to H. Res. 317, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Second Congressional District of Hawaii. **Pages H6710–11**